



VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Above and below: TET Celebrations – Kindergarten Dance and the Lion Dance



Dear Parents

I would like to dedicate this editorial to one of our former students, Nguyen Quoc Dat (Ben), who was a Year 6 student in our International Programme - about 18 months ago.

He was a studious person, soft and kind natured, filled with a quiet enthusiasm and never had a bad word to say about anyone. He suffered from Leukemia, a horrible and debilitating illness which required him to undergo regular painful blood transfusions through his spine. With all the pain and discomfort, he eventually had to withdraw from school to seek further treatment in Singapore and his parents provided him with the best medical care they could manage.

We continued to communicate via email and the occasional phone call - he was doing well; slowly but at a steady pace. In December he expressed his desire to return home to Vung Tau for TET and looked forward to spending time with his family. Back in Vung Tau and on the road to recovery, he expressed his sincere desire to get well soon so he could return to SIS @ Vung Tau – his favourite school, to see his friends and his wonderful teachers.

It came as a shock to us all when we heard of his passing on Wednesday the 15th of February. Now at peace, no more pain, no more struggles to bear - he left us as he lived: quietly. We pray for strength and blessings for his family through this difficult time and for the acceptance of what was not to be. We salute you, Ben. You will be remembered very fondly by all of us – Rest in Peace.

Warmest Regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: Kindergarten students in action at the Tet Celebration



Above: Year 7 Integrated during their Tet Performance



Above: Year 1 and 2 Integrated performing during the Tet celebration

News from Kindergarten.

A Prosperous Lunar Year of the Rooster, 2017! Thank you to all our parents who came and witnessed our school TET celebration. Thank you to all our wonderful students who gave their best efforts during our rehearsals and on the stage.

February is sure to hold lots of fun and adventure as we explore our favorite stories about the Environment and learn about Recycling, Plants & Flowers and different animal species.

Our KIK is back in session, we know that our students will have lots of fun reconnecting with each other. It takes a week or two for them to get back into their regular routine. This is very common and nothing to be worried about. Keeping your drop off brief, assuring your child that you are coming back will help him/her ease the anxiety.

Tet Celebration

On the last day of Term 1, 20 of January, our school celebrated Tet with a special selection of performances for our parents.

The show was hosted by our own students, Kevin from Year 9G and David in IGCSE 2. They did an excellent job of introducing all the different class performances and keeping the audience entertained.

Everyone was dressed up in their Ao Dai and they made a very colourful and festive sight.

There were several, excellent shows from our students, including dancing, singing and music in Vietnamese, Chinese and English, making it a real cultural celebration as well as a New Year's celebration.

The hall was packed tightly, with parents eager to see their children perform on stage and there was great applause for the wonderful show.

Volcanic Eruptions in Year 3 International

As a fun way to end the term, the Year 3 International students who have been learning about natural disasters in their Social Studies Programme with Ms. Su, made volcanoes.

They created the basic volcano using paper maché, creating a "mountain" with a bottle inside to hold the ingredients to make it erupt.

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Above: Aimee, Ashley, Anna and Matthew, ready to watch their volcanoes erupt



Above and below: Intense focus from all involved in the chess tournament



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They worked in pairs and prepared and painted their volcanoes ready for the exciting day when they would get to create eruptions.

They invited the Year 1 and 2 International to witness their experiment, and everyone was very excited when they went into the garden to pour the vinegar into the volcano. It mixed with the bicarbonate of soda inside, it exploded with impressive speed and force. There were immense cheers as one after the other the volcanoes erupted.

This was a wonderful experiment and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

New Year Chess Tournament

The first bi-annual SIS Chess Championship was held on January 19th in the school Hall with 24 students and teachers competing for the top prize.

The winner in each group received open movie tickets to the cinema. The prizes were awarded to the winners at our first Assembly when school reconvened after the Tet holiday.

The winners in each group are as follows:

Primary Group 1: 1st place - Quan, 2nd place – Khue

Primary Group 2: 1st place - Brian, 2nd place - Jacky

Secondary Group: 1st place - Mark, 2nd place - Alex

Teacher Group: 1st place - Truong An, 2nd place - Mr. Greg

Special congratulations to Truong An, a student in Year 8, who played in the teacher's group and beat them all!

Spotlight on Year 6 International

Year 6 International sheds some light on the differences between their old schools and SIS.

Fiona: I like being in SIS because I have lots of fun and I know more interesting things. I like my classmates because they are very helpful and respectful.

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Above: Year 6 International: Vivian, Alice, Summer, Fiona, Long, Kenny and Jerry



Above: Year 6 Integrated: hard at work

You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.

-Dr. Seuss

Above: Don't forget World Read Aloud Day on the 8 March! Fahasa will have books on sale on 7 and 8 March at school

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Summer: I have been to SIS before but only 2 or 3 teachers are still here. When I studied here before, I finished school at 3.30 pm and now it's 4.15 pm.

Alice: I have been here for one year and there are a lot of things that are different to my old school; more new friends, and more fun experiments!

Long: I can do experiments that my old Vietnamese school didn't do. One thing I like about this school is that the teachers are very friendly, especially Mr. Samy.

Kenny: The things that have changed since I have been here are; break times and lunch times. The school has just put in a new swimming pool too. This makes me want to stay here rather than go to another school.

Vivian: In my old school, I had to use a chalkboard but here, I use a whiteboard so it's better. Also, there are many fun events this year compared to last year when I came here.

Jerry: I like this school more than my old one because there is more break time and they are longer than my old one.

Spotlight on Year 6 Integrated

Although they are still young and innocent, the Year 6G students already have big dreams for themselves - that is why they take their education so seriously. They show their passion for learning in every lesson, even after they finished their exams and especially now that it is the beginning of new semester.

They are not only very independent, but they are also eager to give their classmates extra support. The Year 6 Int'g class includes: Nhi, Chi, Yeong Dong, Kartini and Hao. They are all friendly and always happy to help one another.

Year 6 Int'g is not just studying, but they are also talented performers. Their perfect bond with Year 6 Int'l created a wonderful performance showing their spirited souls during the New Year celebration and also is their appreciation for their teachers and parents.

Upcoming Events:

8 March - **World Read Aloud Day** – Students can dress up as their favourite story book character for just 20,000VND! Proceeds will be used to buy necessities for the Orphanage. We will also have Fahasa book display on 7 and 8 March where parents and students can buy books at discounted prices.